



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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April 4, 2005

HEAVY RAINS DELAY SPRING PLANTING

Many Maryland farmers experienced heavy rains last week. On average, farmers received between 3 to 4 inches of rain. Rain delayed progress on planting **green peas, potatoes, snap beans, sweet corn, watermelons, tomatoes, and cantaloupes**. Planting of spring crops is behind normal by about two weeks due to rain and cooler than normal temperatures.

Small grains were beginning to develop and were reported in fair to good condition. **Barley** was rated 10 percent excellent, 55 percent good, 31 percent fair, and 4 percent poor. **Winter wheat** was rated 10 percent excellent, 59 percent good, 27 percent fair, and 4 percent poor. Wet field conditions made it difficult to apply fertilizer applications to small grains.

Pasture was rated 21 percent excellent, 37 percent good, 12 percent fair, 23 percent poor, and 7 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 3 percent surplus, 63 percent adequate, 24 percent short, and 10 percent very short.

Maryland farmers have received more precipitation than normal with **topsoil moisture** rated 71 percent surplus and 29 percent adequate. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 52 percent surplus and 48 percent adequate.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Planting Progress:				
Green Peas	26	-	43	32
Potatoes	21	-	21	17

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	0	29	71
Topsoil (2004)	0	0	48	52
Five Year Average	0	11	53	36
Subsoil Moisture	0	0	48	52
Subsoil (2004)	0	0	57	43
Five Year Avg	8	13	60	19

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	4.06	12.62	2.77	64	38	50	3
Easton	3.10	15.08	4.07	63	39	51	0
Frederick	3.99	11.38	2.68	67	37	49	5
Frostburg	3.30	12.86	2.23	63	29	44	2
Hagerstown	2.97	8.53	0.05	64	37	48	2
Mechanicsville	3.39	12.33	1.16	64	36	50	-1
Patuxent River	3.05	11.55	1.72	63	42	51	0
Ocean City	2.38	13.05	0.98	57	35	48	-3
Salisbury	2.44	13.04	1.42	62	32	50	2
Sharpsburg	3.57	10.68	1.98	67	36	48	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	3.83	11.63	2.76	66	40	52	0
Delaware							
Dover	2.77	11.39	0.92	63	37	49	-1
Georgetown	2.39	11.39	0.22	63	35	50	3
Wilmington	4.83	12.36	2.66	62	36	49	2

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